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In re Appln. of: DONALD J. MONROE et al.  
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CLEANING EDGES  
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Examiner: P. Rodriguez  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed June 18, 2003 (Paper #6), the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a starter pinion.
- Group II. Claims 22-28, drawn to a starter assembly.
- Group III. Claims 29-33, drawn to a method of moving particles from an output shaft with a starter pinion of a drive assembly.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I.

The Examiner has also required an election of one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Species A. As shown in Figures 1-5.
- Species B. As shown in Figures 1, 7, and 8.



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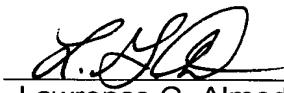
Responsive to the requirement for election of a species, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Species A. The Applicants assert that claims 1-7, 9-17, and 19-21 are readable upon Species A.

Applicants note that the Transmittal, to which this paper is attached, includes a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to the deposit account of Applicants' assignee, Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., Deposit Account No. 06-1500.

Respectfully submitted,

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